



# THE GRANGE NEWSLETTER

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## A Word From Our Chairman

I hope that everyone had a good summer. It is nice to see so many volunteers back again.

The summer at The Grange was very busy as we were open every day - Anne Hope-Brown and the Day Captains are to be congratulated for their efforts in staffing the house. Many days were short staffed, especially the weekends, but everyone worked hard and enthusiastically. I hope that the "summer only" volunteers will come back again.

The average number of visitors was slightly over 150 every day! No wonder that everyone worked hard. From June 15, when we opened on Mondays, until Labour day, we had 9,589 visitors - an increase of nearly 5,000 from the same period last year.

The autumn is going to be very busy too. Lee Jolliffe and Anne Morison have planned 4 volunteer enrichment seminars. 3 will be on Monday mornings and one on a Wednesday evening. We have speakers from the AGO, the ROM and The Grange. It is recommended that all volunteers attend as many sessions as possible. They are planned by volunteers, for volunteers, and will be interesting and informative. The dates and times are in the Calendar.

Lee has made up the Visitors' Survey questionnaire. The survey will take place from September 16th - 28th. The participating volunteers have had an orientation session with Lee, who will collate the survey's results.

Audrey Walker, the Program Chairman, has arranged The Grange Autumn Lecture. Maureen McTeer will give a slide talk on her recent book "Residences: Homes of Canada's Leaders", on Sunday, September 28th, at 3:00 pm in Jackman Hall. The \$10.00 tickets are selling well - I hope that many Grange volunteers will attend, and help to make the lecture "sold out". A copy of her book is in the Library on the Volunteer shelf.

The Guaranty Trust is sponsoring a series of 3 private lectures, with speakers from Christie's, the auctioneers, from London and New York. Each lecture, in the Music Room, will be preceded by, and followed by, a reception in the Library and Front Hall. This is excellent publicity for us, and of course, will increase our revenue.

On October 5th, The Toronto Star (Sunday edition) is publishing a special supplement on volunteers and the various institutions in





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which they work in Toronto. All the AGO volunteer projects and activities will be included. More free publicity.

Both the 30-second, and 4-minute videos have been sent to 10 TV stations, in Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo. Graham Cable have written about our 4-minute video. They showed it 11 times between July 22 and September 8, and will let us know about additional airdates. "Excellent Documentary" was their comment.

The Grange Historical Society had their annual summer lecture and garden party in The Grange in August. Pleasance Crawford gave a slide talk and then Bill Emigh toured the 50 visitors around the garden. Punch and peach shortcake were then enjoyed under the pergola.

Agnes Matyas has kept our cash and deposit books, and attendance records for a year, and has done a wonderful job. Unfortunately, she is leaving at the end of September. We are very sorry to see her go. However, I am very pleased to say that Dorothy Brown will be returning to her old job. Dorothy also paints and dresses the beautiful porcelain dolls for sale in the Impulse Shop.

I am happy to welcome Bea Janikun, a Tuesday volunteer, as the Assistant Chairman of Publicity & Communications of The Grange. She will be working with Nancy Hall, Volunteer Chairman of Communications, and Gail Hutchison, Head of Communications AGO.

## CALENDAR

### Volunteer Enrichment Lectures

-Monday, September 22 10:00 am  
-Monday, October 20 10:00 am  
-Wednesday, October 29 6:30 pm  
-Monday, November 10 10:00 am

Details are on the lists in the sitting room.

Please try and come to all of them.

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Sunday, September 28, at 3:00 pm, Jackman Hall, Maureen McTeer will give a slide talk on her recent book "Residences: Homes of Canada's Leaders".

This lecture is planned and organized by The Grange Program Chairman, Audrey Walker.

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Saturday, October 4.

We have 12 tickets for the Port Hope House Tour - please sign up for it.

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The Grange Executive Committee meeting, Monday, October 6, at 1:00 pm.

Day Captains' Meeting, Wednesday, November 12 at 5:30 pm.

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Tuesday, December 2, 1986  
Slide talk by Ken Rowe on  
Victorian Christmas Cards

Saturday and Sunday,  
December 6 & 7. Celebration.

Wednesday, December 10, 1986  
Daniel Hyatt "Christmas Crackers"





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A BALUSTER is a post.  
A row of balusters is a  
BALUSTRADE.  
The hand rail is a  
BANISTER

## Definition of DRUGGET

The carpeting, called  
"drugget", was woven  
in 37-inch strips from  
wool and hemp on a hand  
loom, then sewn together  
to cover the floor area.

Drugget was formerly a  
kind of material, all of  
wool, or half wool, half  
silk or linen, used for  
wearing apparel. It is  
now a term used to  
describe a coarse woollen  
material used for floor  
coverings, etc.

ORMOLU - origin of this  
word is from the French  
"or moulu" - ground gold.

Brass or bronze, gilded  
and known as Ormolu. A  
good example is the central  
fixture in the library.

Henry House, Halifax, N.S.

This was the home of William  
Alexander Henry, a Father of  
Confederation, and Mayor of  
Halifax in 1870.

The menu is based on food  
served in Halifax in the  
early 1800's - they ate  
well!

## The Henry House Menu

Broth (with mussels and saffron)

(Originally, mussel tables stood  
inside the entrance of the dining  
hall and before guests were seated,  
they consumed great quantities of  
mussels.)

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Platters of Oven-Baked Sweet  
Potatoes

(Sweet potatoes were considered  
aphrodisiacs that provoked a man  
to veneryous acts.)

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Compound Salad of Fresh Fruits  
and Vegetables.

(Green salads helped feast  
participants to digest.)

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Baked Ham, Glazed with Brandy and  
Fruit Juices.

(Baked ham was easy to store,  
readily available and always  
appeared in feast menus.)

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Traditional Almond Pudding

(Cereal puddings made of whole  
grains took the place of potatoes.)

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Beautiful Platters of Assorted  
Figs, Cheese and Apples.

(Always thought of as a proper  
ending to a feast.)

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Tea/Coffee

Wine Available At Own Cost





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"THE GRANGE" LIBRARY: A small circulating collection is available for the use of Grange volunteers. Any book in this collection, most of which are duplicates of those in our main collection, can be withdrawn for a reasonable period of time by signing for it in the book provided. Suggestions for additions to this collection would be welcomed. Contact Mary Ash, or leave a note in the office.

The June/July issue of Century Home includes a series of feature articles on historic sites across Canada. Two of the sites are The Doctor's House at Black Creek, and Century Village, Lang.

The August/September issue contains a feature article on houses in Waterloo Region, and one on Joseph Schneider Haus in Kitchener.

The library has acquired a series of pamphlets from the American Association for State and Local History. These pamphlets are now catalogued and available the library. They have been combined into a one-volume binder with table of contents page.

Titles of the pamphlets are as follows:

- No. 17 - Historic houses:  
an approach to  
furnishing.
- No. 21 - Methods of research  
for the amateur  
historian.
- No. 42 - Producing a slide-tape  
show for your historical  
society
- No. 65 - Volunteer docent  
programs.
- No. 66 - Authentic flower arrange-  
ments for period rooms.
- No. 80 - Historic landscapes and  
gardens.
- No. 88 - Organizing your 2x2 slides
- No. 93 - Planning museum tours.
- No. 105- Historic houses as  
learning laboratories.
- No. 112- Flower arrangements.
- No. 125- Training for docents.
- No. 146- Planning and conducting  
successful seminars and  
workshops.





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Re: CELEBRATION

HOLIDAY "NUTCRACKER SWEET"  
DECEMBER 6th and 7th, 1986

The Grange has an assortment of wine and sherry glasses available to anyone wishing to use them for jams and jellies.

Please see Jane Aitken.

When you are pickling and bottling and jamming this fall, remember CELEBRATION and make a few more for it.

## MENU

Terrine of Turbot and Salmon  
Mousseline Sauce

Green Salad

Cornish Parsley Pie  
Carrots Vichy

Fruit sherbert with wafers

Coffee or Tea

These dishes are representative of the type of food that would have been served in The Grange during the nineteenth century.

The fish required pounding for a long time by the kitchen maid in a mortar. The ices were made possible by ice stored in the pits of ice houses which were supplied in the winter.

Interesting Quotes from  
Visitors.

One young man from Mexico, who spoke very little English but was obviously impressed, said "This is the most house I have ever see."

A little boy about 5 was touring with his mother and several other children. In the music room I explained to them that the family used to have parties and dances here. He looked all around and then said, "I guess we missed it."

## INFORMATION FOR NEWSLETTER

Any items, suggestions or reports of educational trips or projects (related to The Grange) are welcomed and may be left in The Grange Administrative Office (Peggy's Office) - Newsletter slot.

